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1. FATHER DONOSO HAS TOLD US HE AND PAPAL NUNCIO MET WITH PHILIPPI FEB 15 AS SCHEDULED. PHILIPPI ASKED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH INDICATED HE SEEKING INFORM HIMSELF ON ISSUES AND ATTITUDES INVOLVED AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BASIS FOR AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED. FATHER DONOSO MADE FULL EXPOSITION OF HOLY CROSS POSITION. DONOSO TOLD US FEB 24 THAT HE HAD JUST LEARNED PHILIPPI TRYING TO REACH HIM AGAIN.

2. DURING DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR RECEIPT OF REFTEL PHILIPPI SENT IDENTICAL ORAL MESSAGE TO ME BY TWO SEPARATE CHANNELS. SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE WAS THAT ACTIVE USG ENTRY INTO ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL ISSUE WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL AT THIS TIME; RATHER, PHILIPPI REQUESTED THAT I GIVE HIM TIME TO TRY TO WORK OUT SOLUTION. I FIND THIS MESSAGE ENCOURAGING ON TWO GROUNDS. IT SHOWS (1) THAT PHILIPPI IS KEENLY AWARE OF OUR CONTINUING STRONG INTEREST IN THE EARLY AND SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM; AND (2) THAT PHILIPPI IS HARD AT WORK IN SEARCH OF A SOLUTION. IN THIS SITUATION I DO NOT WANT PHILIPPI TO FEEL THAT I AM CROWDING HIM AND THEREFORE WILL NOT APPROACH HIM DIRECTLY FOR TIME BEING UNLESS DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL.

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3. I SHALL BE SEEING FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL DURING THE

WEEK AND WILL MENTION ST. GEORGE'S TO HIM AND REPORT.
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